

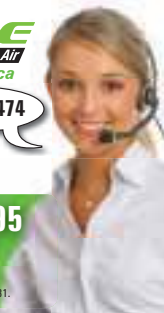
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A Manitoban food fight

Twitter spat. Buy Manitoba defends campaign as two local chefs use social media to voice concerns



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Two Winnipeg chefs who don't buy a provincial program's efforts to promote locally-produced foods have made their concerns public using social media.

Ben Kramer, executive chef at the University of Winnipeg's Diversity Food Services, and Alex Svenne, chef and owner of Bistro 7 1/4, have been harping at Buy Manitoba's Twitter page since June after the pair noticed two well-known soft drink companies — Coca-Cola and Pepsi — are being promoted as local products through the program.

More GOP rape comments

Another Republican sparks furor after claiming pregnancy from sexual assault is 'something God intended'

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Skepticism

"I think what's happened is they've caught on to the fact that 'local' is the new buzz word."

Alex Svenne, chef and owner of Bistro 7 1/4

"It's not that I'm opposed to Pepsi — I serve Pepsi here — but I would never sell it as local," explained Svenne during an interview at his restaurant this week. "I think what's happened is they've caught on to the fact that 'local' is the new buzz word ... and are trying to sell it as a Manitoba product."

"I don't think any reasonable person would think of Coke or Pepsi as a local product."

Buy Manitoba's website describes the program as a multi-year public awareness campaign funded through the Government of Manitoba and industry to help clearly

identify Manitoba foods to consumers.

Kramer is doubtful consumers will trust the program's other local recommendations — many of which he agrees with — while Coca-Cola and Pepsi are among them.

"There's a dilution of the word local," he said.

Buy Manitoba's executive director Dave Shambrock told Metro the soft drinks are both produced at plants here in Winnipeg, which fit the program's criteria.

"Local is one of those things that means very different things to different people," he said. "This program isn't to point out only rural versus urban products, it's not to filter out large companies versus small — it's supposed to be inclusive."

"We respect their positions but we can't bow to their ... definitions for what this program should or shouldn't be doing."

Canuck glamour

Model discusses rejection and falling on stage. Check out metronews.ca for photos from the hottest shows at Toronto Fashion Week

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A Gangnam Halloween

Pop culture is having a big influence on costumes for trick-or-treating. Metro takes a look at some of the hottest this year

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Chefs Ben Kramer, left, and Alex Svenne have been using Twitter to air their concerns over products deemed local by the province's Buy Manitoba campaign. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

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New chief says prayer comments misconstrued

Devon Clunis. Former chaplain and longtime officer standing by controversial quotes

Winnipeg's new police chief stood by his comments on religion Wednesday — comments which have led to something of a baptism by fire in media relations.

Devon Clunis, a longtime police officer and chaplain who will take over as chief in December, has faced criticism for telling a Christian magazine that prayer could help reduce crime in the Manitoba capital.

"What would happen if we all just truly — I'm talking about all religious stripes here — started praying for the peace of this city and then actually started putting some action behind that?" he told

Christian Week earlier this month.

The article led to accusations that Clunis was mixing religion and public office or trying to force religion down people's throats.

Clunis said he was speaking to a Christian publication and targeting his message to that audience.

"If I'm speaking to a group of individuals who are, let's say for example, involved in sport, I would definitely tell them to utilize their sports to engage their community. But because I was speaking to this specific group, I realized what appeals to them and said 'by all means, utilize that.'"

Clunis said he doesn't regret making his comments and he appeared to take a swipe at the media storm that has followed.

"I am a little bit surprised at the nature of the negative reaction," he said.

"The fact that within a community like this, we can take something which is such an innocent comment meant for good, and utilize it to such a negative effect, we sometimes wonder why our community is the way it is. We shouldn't really be so quick to judge someone."

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Incoming police chief Devon Clunis says he stands by his comments.

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Prayer



"It's interesting about prayer because every council meeting, what's the first thing we do? (Pray)."

Mayor Sam Katz



"I would cut him some slack. I think obviously he's a person of faith and I respect that as I respect all persons of faith."

Coun. Dan Vandal, St. Boniface.



"We should judge the chief by what he does in crime prevention."

Coun. Harvey Smith, Daniel McIntyre

Quote

"I'm not saying I'm asking police officers to sit down and pray."

Devon Clunis, Winnipeg's police chief. Saying statements have been misconstrued and only pieces have been reported on.

Non-official mother tongues on the rise in Winnipeg

The number of 'non-official' languages in the metropolitan region of Winnipeg continues to increase, new census data shows — evidence that despite the dominance of English and French elsewhere in the country, Canada's major cities have become multi-tongued mosaics of immigration-fuelled diversity.

English was identified as the mother tongue for

73.4 per cent of people in the census metropolitan area of Winnipeg, Statistics Canada said Wednesday as it released new information on languages from the 2011 census. French, Canada's other official language, was cited by 4.1 per cent.

But a total of 22.5 per cent of the population of metro Winnipeg has a mother tongue other than one of Canada's official languages.

That's an increase from 20.9 per cent in the 2006 census.

According to the 2011 census, the top five non-official languages spoken in the metropolitan area of Winnipeg are: Tagalog (Filipino) (4.9 per cent); German (2.9 per cent); one of the Chinese languages (1.7 per cent); Ukrainian (1.5 per cent); and Punjabi (1.4 per cent). Five years ago, the census reported the top

five other languages spoken were Tagalog (Filipino), German, Ukrainian, one of the Chinese languages and Polish.

Statistics Canada defines 'mother tongue' as the first language learned at home in childhood and still understood at the time the census was taken in May 2011. The census also documented languages spoken at home and knowledge of Canada's

Language

The census shows Winnipeg is a hotbed of languages.

- **Top 5.** English: 529,405; Tagalog: 35,620; French: 29,675; German: 20,825; Chinese: 12,090.

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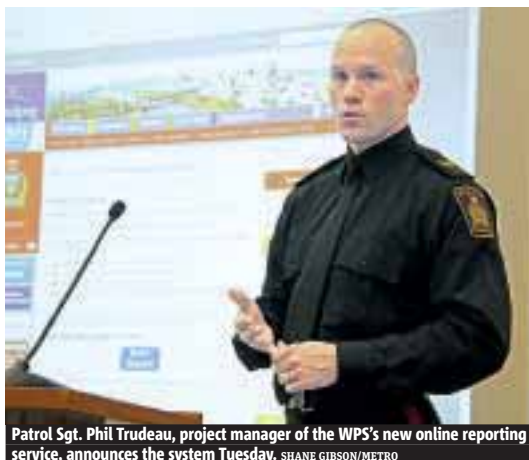
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Patrol Sgt. Phil Trudeau, project manager of the WPS's new online reporting service, announces the system Tuesday. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Efficiency. Minor crimes can now be reported online

Winnipeg police have a new high-tech way for victims to report minor crimes.

Winnipeggers can now report certain offences through a new online system launched Tuesday.

"Effective immediately citizens will have the opportunity to file police reports from the comfort of their own homes," explained acting WPS Chief Devon Clunis. "Some of these incidents in the past have gone unreported because people felt it was too cumbersome."

"Being able to report strictly from your home, we know will ensure that people will have a more efficient means to reach the police service and it will actually help us have better stats of what's happening in our community."

Currently only non-vio-

lent incidents involving no suspects or witnesses including damage to property, damage to vehicle, theft, theft from a vehicle and lost property are eligible for online reporting.

Patrol Sgt. Phil Trudeau, the initiative's project manager, said the system can also be used to add to an already existing report, and may be expanded to include other crimes in the future.

"It provides a convenient, non-incriminating alternative to report non-emergencies to the police service," he said, adding the online reports take around 15 minutes to complete and victims can expect a response within three business days.

The WPS's online reporting system can be found at winnipeg.ca/police.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Trash services don't need to be done in-house, Katz says

Garbage. Contracting refuse pickup has been done in some shape or form in the 'Peg since Juba was mayor



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In the face of Winnipeggers' anger over garbage and recycling collection, Mayor Sam Katz said he doesn't believe the city should provide the service in-house.

During Wednesday's city council meeting, a motion to get City workers to pick up garbage and collect recycling was referred to the infrastructure renewal and public works committee.

In the motion, councillors Harvey Smith (Daniel McIntyre) and Ross Eadie (Mynarski) called on the Winnipeg Public Service to consider the re-establishment of solid waste services within the public service due to a drop in the level of service delivery and the loss of political accountability.

Katz said some garbage collection services for Winnipeg have been contracted out since "Steve Juba was mayor, that's going back into the mid-'70s."

"Five or six years ago, we contracted out a further part of the city, so the realities are this has nothing to do with that, this is an issue where a new company won a bid competing with others and they obviously were not set up on day one to



Mayor Sam Katz says he doesn't see a need for the City of Winnipeg to provide garbage and recycling services in-house. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

City numbers

Despite the complaints, the city says the new system is already having a positive effect.

- **Yard waste collected since launch.** More than 2,300 tonnes. This material was previously collected with

garbage and landfilled.

- **Recycling.** Material collected in the new blue carts has increased by more than 20 per cent.
- **Garbage going to landfill.** Reduced by 30 per cent.

get the job done," said Katz, adding that he doesn't think the City made a mistake by awarding Emterra the garbage and recycling contract.

Mike Davidson, president of CUPE Local 500, said Winnipeg should look at other Canadian cities, such as Ottawa, who have returned to a mixed private and public sector workers doing garbage

and recycling.

"I don't think that it has to be 100 per cent public service, but I do think what has to happen is an audit has to be conducted on outside residential garbage pickup, the city of Ottawa just brought back in-house a huge quadrant, saved over \$2 million and passed those savings onto the citizens of Ottawa," said Davidson.

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Manitoba Tories push tax cut

Manitoba Tories are calling for a tax cut.

Opposition Leader Brian Pallister says a Progressive Conservative government would raise the basic personal exemption — the threshold at which people start paying income tax.

It's currently at \$8,634, and Pallister says it should be raised to the Canadian average — \$10,617. Pallister says each worker in the province would have an extra \$200 in their pocket, which would help the economy. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Rap sheet

Man charged in beating death already faces murder charges

A Winnipeg man already facing second-degree murder charges in relation to the shooting death of a man in the West End late last month has become the sixth person charged in the beating death of a teenager in the North End in September. **METRO**

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At three months of age, he was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, but it has never stopped Brent Smith from doing anything. In fact, he started playing football in Grade 6 and soon became one of the top linebackers on his team. He loves music and plays the guitar as well as keyboards. He also loves performing and wants to move to L.A. one day and become an actor. Brent will soon be a graduate from the Panache model agency, as well as Kelvin High School. He says deep down, he'll be forever young.

Name: Brent Robert Smith, born Jan. 29, 1995

Occupation: No job. Still in high school

Favourite song: Forever Young by Alphaville

Do you have an idol? Jared Leto. An actor who becomes a musician is the coolest thing!

The last time you cried? My best friend and I got into a big argument. We're friends again.

What book are you read-



Brent Smith CONTRIBUTED

ing? Never Cry Wolf for English class.

Favourite food: Japanese chicken.

What are you afraid of? Wood ticks.

What would your special power be? To be able to teleport, like in the movie Jumper.

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Cummings cleans up his act

Singer plans to keep rockin' his life away. Just a little more gently

With his 65th birthday approaching, Burton Cummings is thinking retirement. Not from music, mind you, but from the hard-partying lifestyle he's dutifully sustained over his 50 years in the music business.

The Winnipeg native says he hasn't had an alcoholic beverage in two or three months, and he quit smoking three years ago to preserve his voice — cigarettes, that is, he notes with a mischievous grin. "I still like Mrs. Green ... once in a while."

And in part because of these prudent lifestyle choices, Cummings is as optimistic as ever that he can stay relevant into his golden years.

"I'll be 65 on New Year's Eve — I can't live like a teenage goofball anymore," an



Burton Cummings poses for a photograph at Massey Hall in Toronto on Monday. The Winnipeg native is releasing a new album of live performances called Massey Hall on Oct. 30. MATTHEW SHERWOOD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

energetic Cummings said in an interview backstage at Toronto's Massey Hall this week.

"I'm not quite ready to move to Lourdes yet ... but I'm pretty clean. I haven't had any alcohol now for months ... for an Irish guy who's a singer in a rock band, that's pretty good."

And as proof, Cummings

is releasing the new live disc Massey Hall on Tuesday.

Captured over the course of performances at the historic Toronto venue in 2010 and 2011, the disc finds Cummings applying his still-vital pipes to a succession of well-loved Guess Who classics.

While Cummings also incorporated several cuts from his post-1976 solo career — and two from his most recent collection of new material, 2008's Above the Ground — he rarely waits long before digging back into one of the colossal hits he co-wrote with Randy Bachman, including

These Eyes, Laughing, American Woman and No Time.

He's set to sing O Canada at the Grey Cup in Toronto in November, he plans to release a book of poetry sometime before Valentine's Day under the modified handle B.L. Cummings ("almost sounds British — literary!") and he's gathered plenty of material for a new solo album in 2013, having written seven or eight "really good" songs as well as close to 200 "of various calibres of excellence and non-excellence."

"I'll be recording till the day I die, for sure," he said.

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"I told myself 10 years ago: 'When it gets lame, Burton, that's it. Stay home and watch CNN all day.' But people are telling me I sound as good as ever. So you know what? It's not lame yet." Burton Cummings

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Hamas pummels Israel with rocket fire

Gaza offensive. Israeli officials claim militants were emboldened by visit of foreign leader

Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip fired dozens of rockets and mortar shells into southern Israel on Wednesday in the heaviest bombardment on the area in months, drawing ominous Israeli threats of retaliation

and dangers of escalation.

The violence came a day after a landmark visit to Gaza by the emir of Qatar. Israeli officials suggested the visit, the first by a head of state to the Hamas-ruled territory, emboldened the militant group.

The rocket fire began shortly after the emir left Gaza late Tuesday and continued through the night. Israeli officials said more than 80 projectiles were fired, and Hamas claimed responsibility for many of the

Daily life

"We can stay at home and just hear the noise of the war."

Tamara Cohen, resident of the border community of Ein Habesor

attacks.

Israel responded with a series of airstrikes on rocket launchers, killing two Palestinian militants, according to Gaza medical officials. Two other Pal-

estinians were killed Tuesday.

Hostilities in Gaza have been simmering for weeks, with militants sporadically firing rockets into Israel and the Israeli air force responding with airstrikes.

Hamas officials said the emir urged Hamas to do everything possible to avoid violence with Israel. Israel's foreign minister, Avigdor Lieberman, suggested the visit had the opposite effect, and was instead "clear support for terror." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Smoke trails of a rocket fired by Palestinian militants from the Gaza Strip toward Israel on Wednesday. ARIEL SCHALIT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Nuclear ultimatum

Iran weighs nuclear standoff

Iran is weighing a more confrontational strategy at possible renewed nuclear talks with world powers, threatening to boost uranium enrichment levels unless the West makes concessions to ease sanctions.

Such a gambit — outlined by senior Iranian officials in interviews this week — could push Iran's nuclear program far closer to the "red line" set by the Israeli Prime Minister for possible military options.

But it also suggests that economic pressures and diplomacy have pushed Iran to seek relief from sanctions. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Casualties of war

Eight more killed in Iraqi insurgency

Iraqi insurgents launched a new wave of attacks targeting security forces and others across the country on Wednesday, killing eight people, including a seven-year-old child, police and health officials said.

The insurgents attacked via drive-by shootings, snipers and roadside bombs, police said.

The attacks came a day after insurgents attacked Shiite neighbourhoods in Baghdad with car bombs and mortar rounds, killing nine people and wounding 26. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Jordan faces down terror, Arab Spring

The foiling of a planned al-Qaida terror plot in Jordan underscores a new subplot in the story of the Arab Spring. Things are heating up for King Abdullah II, a Western-oriented monarch who has run a business-friendly, pragmatic monarchy with some trappings of democracy.

Jordan, a key U.S. ally that sits at a strategic crossroads between neighbouring Syria, Iraq, the Palestinian territories, Israel and Saudi Arabia, has so far weathered 22 months of street protests calling for a wider public say in politics.

But this week's announcement that Jordanian authorities had thwarted an al-Qaida plan to attack shopping malls and Western diplomatic missions in the country has raised fears that extremists could take advantage of growing calls for change to foment violence.

The king also has been working overtime to fend off a host of domestic challenges, including a Muslim Brotherhood boycott of parliamentary elections, increasing opposition from his traditional Bedouin allies and an inability to keep the Syrian civil war from spilling over the border.



King Abdullah II in Jordan's royal palace. YOUSEF ALLAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

So far, Abdullah has largely maintained control, partly by relinquishing some of his powers to parliament and amending the country's 60-year-old constitution. His Western-trained security forces have been able to keep protests from getting out of hand. And most in the opposition remain loyal to the king, pressing for reforms but not his removal.

The stakes are high: Abdullah is a close friend of the U.S. and has been at the forefront in its war on terrorism, including in Afghanistan. Jordan serves as a buffer zone to Saudi Arabia and to Israel, a friend under a peace treaty signed in 1994.

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Judge refuses to delay inquest into teen's death

Ashlev Smith.

Government accused of trying to put a lid on disturbing jailhouse videos that document abuse of troubled teen

An inquest into the prison death of a deeply troubled teenager will be able to proceed after a judge on Wednesday rejected the federal government's last-ditch request for an emergency stay.

The decision came amid assertions prison authorities were simply trying to cover up the horrific treatment meted out to Ashley Smith that was captured on video.

In a ruling that took about an hour to decide, Divisional Court Justice Joan Lax dismissed the stay motion.

Correctional Service Canada asked for the emergency halt to the much-delayed inquest to give it time to get the courts to review a ruling by the presiding coroner that the videos should be public.

The videos at issue show, among other things, guards duct-taping Smith to an airplane seat, and forcibly injecting her with "chemical restraints" against her will.

Lawyer Julian Falconer, who speaks for Smith's family, accused the government of trying to put a lid on videos that document some of the abuse she suffered.

"I insist on Correctional Services being called an abus-



In this screen grab, it appears that prison guards are doing a search on a pinned-down Ashley Smith, 19, of Moncton, N.B., who choked to death in her cell in Kitchener, Ont., after repeated episodes of self-harm.

er," Falconer told Lax.

"This case is really about Correctional Service Canada taking all conceivable steps so that certain videos don't make it to the public record," he said.

Smith's family — with backing from presiding coroner Dr. John Carlisle — wants to use the tapes in support of a broader inquest.

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L.A. bomb plot. Terrorist sentenced to 37 years

Algerian terrorist Ahmed Ressam was sentenced Wednesday to 37 years in prison for plotting to bomb Los Angeles International Airport at the turn of the new millennium.

Ressam, who had trained at al-Qaeda's training camps in Afghanistan, was arrested in December 1999 when a customs agent noticed that he appeared suspicious as he drove off a ferry from Canada onto Washington's Olympic Peninsula. A resulting search turned up a trunk full of explosives

The Justice Department, which previously sought sentences of 35 years and of life in prison, recommended a life sentence again because of the mass murder Ressam intended to inflict. In those pre-

A vexing case

Ressam's case has been vexing because he started co-operating after he was convicted. Information he provided helped convict several terror suspects and contributed to the arrest of suspected Osama bin Laden lieutenant Abu Zubaydah.

Sept. 11, 2001, days, it was "a virtually unimaginable horror," Assistant U.S. Attorney Helen Brunner told the court.

Brunner also argued that Ressaam continues to pose a threat, as evidenced by his recantation of prior co-operation. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Videos

In arguing the stay, Correctional Service said the videos have not yet been put into evidence and so should stay out of the public eye until such time as that happens to avoid any tainting of the jury pool.

Malnutrition

No jail for nurses who let U.S. teen drop to 28 lbs.

Two U.S. nurses have been sentenced to probation in the malnutrition death of a 14-year-old girl who had cerebral palsy and weighed 28 pounds when she died.

Mary Kilby and Kathryn Williams were sentenced in Ohio on Wednesday and will have to surrender their nursing licenses.

The two women had pleaded no contest to failing to provide for a functionally impaired child and had faced up to a year and a half in prison.

The girl's mother
been sentenced to
years in prison.
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SPEAKING IN SEVERAL TONGUES

2011 census reveals more Canadians are speaking at least two languages at home compared to 2006 numbers; Punjabi and Tagalog are surging, while French and aboriginal languages are on the decline

Bilingualism is surging in Canada, but not necessarily in the country's two official languages.

Statistics Canada released the last batch of data from the 2011 census on Wednesday, this time focusing on about 200 languages that make up the linguistic portrait of the country.

The data suggest that multiculturalism is not simply an abstract concept to describe a motley collection of diverse communities.

Rather, it is a reality for a growing number of families, even within the confines of their own homes.

The census shows that 17.5 per cent of the population — or 5.8 million individuals — speaks at least two languages at home. That's up from the 14.2 per cent of multilingual households counted in the 2006 census, and an increase of 1.3 million people.

Of those 5.8 million, most of them speak English plus an immigrant language such as Punjabi or Mandarin. Less than a quarter — 1,387,190, to be precise — are using both French and English at home.

And aboriginal languages are in outright decline, with usage shrinking 1.7 per cent since 2006 — a loss of 3,620 people despite a concerted effort by many First Nations to revive their culture and language.

"Yes, we see a diversity, but what we see clearly is ... we have all these transition phases where English and French are also spoken at home in addition to non-official languages," said Jean-



Bojan Djuricic and his wife, Naomi Sutorius-Lavoie, read a Serbian book to their daughter, Mila Sutorius-Djuricic, in Toronto on Oct. 17. Mila will be taught to speak in English, French and Serbian. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pierre Corbeil, the agency's lead analyst on the languages part of the census.

"This doesn't happen only outside Quebec but in Quebec as well."

Corbeil warned, however, that the data likely underestimate the increase in diversity over the past few years. That's because Statistics Canada had to change

the way it collects language data after Prime Minister Stephen Harper scrapped the long-form census in 2010.

Wednesday's information came from the mandatory short form that went to every household in Canada. In the past, language was in the long form that went to 20 per cent of households, and was framed in a different context.

The 2011 census numbers suggest that language diversity has been increasing at just half the rate as noted in the 2006 census, but data from Citizenship and Immigration Canada suggest the pace of change is at least the same, Corbeil said.

The census shows that the most common immigrant language in Canada was Pun-

jabi. When Punjabi speakers are grouped together with others who speak a closely related language such as Urdu, their numbers total 1,180,000.

Tagalog, the language of Filipinos, saw the biggest surge, growing by 64 per cent since the last census was taken in 2006.

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Census highlights

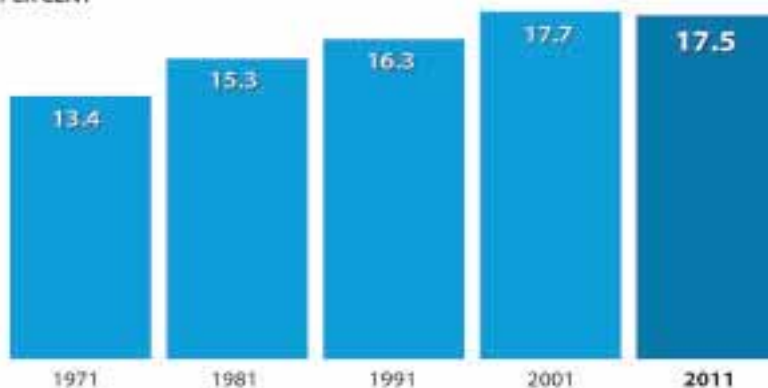
Selected highlights from Wednesday's Statistics Canada release of 2011 census data, focused on language:

- One in five Canadians — some 6.6 million people — reported speaking a language other than English or French at home; 191 distinct languages were among those identified as either a mother tongue or a home language.
- Nearly 10 million people said they could conduct a conversation in French, up from 9.6 million five years earlier; however, as a proportion of the population, those able to speak French slipped to 30.1 per cent, down from 30.7 per cent in 2006.
- The number of people who spoke Mandarin at home grew by almost 51 per cent from 2006 to 2011. Arabic grew by 47 per cent; Hindi by 44 per cent; the Creole languages by 42 per cent.
- In Toronto, Canada's most populous city, 1.8 million people — about 32.2 per cent of the population — reported speaking an immigrant language at home.
- 5.8 million people, about 17.5 per cent of the population, reported speaking at least two languages at home, up from 14.2 per cent in 2006.

BILINGUALISM RATES

A look at the proportion of Canadians who reported being able to conduct a conversation in both official languages:

PER CENT



TOP IMMIGRANT LANGUAGES

A look at the top non-official languages spoken most often at home:

LANGUAGE	2011 POPULATION	% CHANGE FROM 2006
Punjabi	394,495	25.2
Chinese*	338,795	+6.6
Cantonese	328,855	3.0
Spanish	325,260	32.4
Tagalog	278,640	64.1
Arabic	270,155	46.8
Mandarin	226,065	50.4
Italian	184,175	-5.2
Urdu	164,650	28.8
German	158,035	12.6
Persian	144,010	32.5
Russian	128,675	27.3

*Refers to persons who reported 'Chinese' without specifying further

A DIVERSITY OF LANGUAGES

A look at the communities (population 10,000 or more) with the highest proportion of people whose mother tongue is not English or French:



From left, Kelly Kim, Peter P. and Leon Song practise French and English at a language exchange at the Rivoli restaurant in Toronto on Oct. 10. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Multiculturalism on display in language-sharing groups

Not even the relentless throb of a hip-hop beat can drown out the sounds of a typical Tuesday night upstairs at a typical Toronto's Rivoli nightclub.

The top floor of the bustling bar echoes each week with the staccato clack of German consonants, the melodic lilt of Japanese vowels and persistent peals of laughter as more than a hundred aspiring language students struggle to master their new tongues.

The students — from all walks of life and ranging in age from early 20s to late 70s — are members of Toronto Babel, an informal language exchange program that has been giving the city's international community a chance

to speak in new and native tongues alike for the past three years.

The din of different languages is loudest in Toronto, where 1.8 million people reported speaking an immigrant language at home, according to fresh 2011 census numbers released Wednesday. Vancouver ranked a distant second with 711,515 people reporting an at-home preference for a language other than English or French, Statistics Canada reported.

Cantonese and Punjabi ranked highest on the list of languages in Toronto, along with other Chinese languages, Urdu, Tamil and Tagalog, which originates in the Philip-

pines.

Eduardo Costa, 39, was recruited in the group's earliest days after advertising online to find an English conversation partner. The initial group of a dozen people quickly began to grow, and Costa found the people he met there began to fill the void left by the friends and relatives he left behind in his home country of Brazil.

"When you immigrate, you lose your family, your friends are still there," he says. "This group became my first new family in Canada."

Smaller Babel groups have sprung up in Ottawa and Kitchener, Ont., Babel co-leader Anna Shalaginova said.

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En français

Immersion still sought after

Immersion options in Canada's second official language are broader than ever.

The original programs have been expanded to accommodate a wider range of students, while a new program specifically for kids of francophone families is now in high demand.

The idea has broad national appeal, according to figures from advocacy group Canadian Parents for French, which says more than 30 per cent of students in every province outside of Quebec were enrolled in some form of French-as-a-second-language program in the 2010-11 school year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

According to Statistics Canada ...



1 Up/down. More Canadians speaking French

A sign on the wall of Stephane Wild's restaurant in Winnipeg on Oct. 5. Nearly 10 million people reported being able to speak French in 2011, up slightly from 2006 but down as a proportion of the Canadian population.

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2 Fading out. Just a few native languages still going strong

A stop sign in Mohawk is seen on the Tyendinaga First Nation reserve east of Belleville, Ont., on Oct. 11. Of the more than 60 registered First Nation languages, only a relative handful — such as Cree, Ojibway, Oji-Cree and Dene — remain strong and viable. COLIN PERKEL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

3 Climbing in numbers. Tagalog-speaking population growing

Nearly 279,000 people reported speaking Philippine-based Tagalog most often at home, compared with 170,000 in 2006, an increase of 64 per cent — the largest increase of all the reported languages. JEFF HODSON/METRO IN VANCOUVER

IMMIGRANT LANGUAGES BY CITY

The top non-official languages in Canada's largest metropolitan areas:

TORONTO	%	MONTREAL	%	VANCOUVER	%
Cantonese	8.8	Arabic	17.2	Punjabi	17.7
Punjabi	8.0	Spanish	15.2	Cantonese	16.0
Chinese*	7.0	Italian	8.1	Chinese*	12.2
Urdu	5.9	Chinese*	5.7	Mandarin	11.0
Tamil	5.7	Creole	5.4	Tagalog	6.7
CALGARY	%	EDMONTON	%	OTTAWA-GATINEAU	%
Punjabi	12.1	Tagalog	11.8	Arabic	20.4
Tagalog	10.4	Punjabi	10.9	Spanish	8.1
Chinese*	9.2	Chinese*	8.9	Chinese*	7.5
Spanish	7.9	Cantonese	6.8	Mandarin	4.4
Cantonese	7.4	Spanish	6.5	Somali	3.8

*Refers to persons who reported 'Chinese' without specifying further

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Canyon cam. Google's backpack-sized Trekker takes pics of iconic spots

Google and its street-view cameras already have taken users to narrow cobblestone alleys in Spain using a tricycle, inside the Smithsonian with a push cart and to British Columbia's snow-covered slopes by snowmobile.

The search giant now has brought its all-seeing eyes — mounted for the first time on a backpack — down into the Grand Canyon, showcasing the attraction's most popular hiking trails on the South Rim and other walkways.

It's the latest evolution in mapping technology for the company, which has used a rosette of cameras to photograph thousands of cities and towns in dozens of countries for its Street View feature. Internet users are transported virtually for a 360-degree view of locales they may have read about only in tourist books and seen in



Google operations manager Steve Silverman walks with a backpack-sized camera called the Trekker on Monday along the Grand Canyon's Bright Angel Trail.

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flat, 2-D images.

"Any of these sort of iconic, cultural, historical locations that are not accessible by road is where we want to go," said Ryan Falor, product manager at Google. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Competition

EU says Microsoft broke agreement over browsers

The European Union's executive arm formally accused Microsoft on Wednesday of failing to comply with a binding agreement to give customers a choice among Internet browsers. Microsoft said the matter was the "result of a technical error."

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Mobile ad growth

At last, good news for Facebook stock

Facebook shares posted their biggest single-day gain Wednesday since going public in May, jumping 19 per cent to close at \$23.23 US after the social media company made inroads in mobile advertising and posted accelerating growth in overall ad revenue.

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Ottawa cracks down on prepaid plastic



Finance Minister Jim Flaherty speaks with the media Wednesday in Ottawa. He announced that the federal government will more closely regulate the prepaid credit card market. **ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

New regulations.

Card issuers will have to be transparent about fees and conditions

Ottawa is stepping in with new rules for the largely unregulated prepaid credit card market.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty announced Wednesday that in the future, issuers of prepaid cards will not be able to impose expiry dates and must be upfront about hidden fees and conditions.

The move is part of the government's expanding code of conduct measures to govern credit and debit transactions that had previously not applied to the relatively new prepaid market.

"We have done a lot of regulation with respect to debit and credit cards. We haven't done much with respect to prepaid cards," Flaherty said.

While still a small segment of the market, prepaid plastic has become an option for

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"In our view, it was inappropriate for financial institutions to have cards go dormant."

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty

consumers without conventional credit or debit cards, young adults, and for parents who want to introduce their children to using credit while limiting the risk of theft and over-spending.

But the sector has also faced criticism for exorbitant hidden fees that reduced their face value and fooled customers. These can include monthly or annual fees, maintenance costs and ATM charges.

"In our view, it was inappropriate for financial institutions to have cards go dormant. For example, people would get cards as gifts for their birthdays or whatever (and) not realize that the \$200 on the card would expire over a certain period of time," Flaherty said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Summer babies have tough crawl to the top: Study

Do you have a summer birthday? It could be a speed bump on the way to the corner office. A new study from the University of British Columbia's business school finds that summer babies are less likely to be CEOs.

Researchers at the Sauder School of Business checked out the birth dates of 375 chief executive officers from S&P 500 companies between 1992 and 2009. They found that only about six per cent were born in June or July.

By contrast, people born in March and April represented

more than 12 per cent and 10 per cent, respectively, of the sample.

It seems that summer babies have a tougher crawl to the top because of what researchers call the "birthdate effect." That refers to the way children are grouped by age in school.

"It's amazing," said finance professor Maurice Levi, co-author of the study. "You're a 50- or 60-year-old CEO and it all goes back to when you started school, if you were the big guy in class or the little scrawny guy in the back corner."

In the U.S., cut-off dates for school admission fall between September and January. Levi and his team determined that those CEOs in the sample born between June and July were typically the youngest in their class. Those born in March and April were the oldest.

The same would be true in Canada, where children born in January and December of the same year would

be in the same class, Levi said.

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Public opinion affects decisions on foreign takeovers, minister says

Canada is a democracy and public opinion plays a role in the Conservative government's decisions on foreign takeovers, Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver said Wednesday.

Public sentiment is not a criteria listed in the Canada Investment Act, but the Harper government appears to be wrestling with voter opinion as it applies the "net benefit" test to foreign takeover bids — especially by state-owned enterprises.

Following a Conservative caucus meeting in Ottawa, Oliver was asked directly if public

By the numbers

\$15.1B

A \$15.1-billion bid by China's National Offshore Oil Corp., for Nexen Inc., is the next decision looming for the Conservative government.

opinion is one of the criteria for determining net benefit.

"This is a democracy and the government takes into account the opinions of Canadians," Oliver responded. "Beyond that, I have no comment."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has said clearer new rules will be drafted in the wake of his government's weekend decision to reject a proposed takeover of Alberta's Progress Energy by a Malaysian state-owned oil and gas company.

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A new survey Wednesday suggested the CNOOC takeover may be running into headwinds in Alberta.

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Don't be alarmed, but this column may be covered in bedbugs.

I'm not entirely sure if bedbugs have infiltrated my apartment, but I was bitten by

SOMETHING recently, so like all chewed-on city dwellers I've been panicked that it could be the little bloodsuckers.

That means if you've touched this column, you should freeze it, steam it, fumigate it, poison it, microwave it, Holy Water it, and simmer it in a white wine sauce for 40 minutes, stirring occasionally. Even then, that will only stun the little bug(ger)s, because they're the insect equivalent of The Incredible Hulk.

Once nearly eradicated, bedbugs have made a comeback worthy of a B-list actor in a Tarantino flick.

And they're everywhere.

Online bedbug registries for pre-screening apartments and hotels are useless, because all you learn is that bedbugs are omnipresent — like the body snatchers — and there's nothing us foolish humans can do about it. (Pro tip: If a bedbug rates a location as eight out of 10 or higher and is raving about the buffet, steer clear.)

Bedbugs are filling their ick quotient so well that I looked at the welts on my arm and hoped they were from something pleasant, like a spider. If an exterminator looked at my skin and said, "Actually, that's from a wolf" I'd say, "Oh, thank goodness. Do we spray for that?"

There is hope, however. I've been reading up on bedbugs, as one does when you swear you can feel them on your skin at every waking moment. They can be fought, but you need to know your enemy, so here are some myths about the creatures and the reality behind it. Happy hunting!

- **Myth #1: Bedbugs are invisible.**
Reality: Bedbugs are seldom seen because they only come out at night. They are actually several feet long and live in your closet. Telltale signs include a viscous trail of slime and opened canisters of Pringles.
 - **Myth #2: Bedbugs are a sign of uncleanness.**
Reality: Bedbugs can live anywhere from the poorest, most squalid apartment to the cleanest hairpiece on the richest Trump. Bedbugs are attracted not to dirt, but sin, which is why they live in your bed. They will migrate to the living room immediately if you turn on the Kardashians.
 - **Myth #3: Bedbug bites come in threes.**
Reality: Bedbugs know you know this, so they sometimes throw in a fourth bite and scurry off, giggling.
 - **Myth #4: You need an exterminator to get rid of bedbugs.**
Reality: All you need for a successful bedbug kill is a shoe. Beat until you see telltale black and blue markings. They'll still be alive at that point, but they'll know who's boss. A Nike shoe will doubly impress them with your alpha-ness, especially later that night when they're nibbling on your earlobe.
- And now you know.
Sleep tight!



Bedbug-detecting dog Barney signals which jar contains bedbugs. But don't wait for Barney to tell you that you've got bedbugs — grab a shoe and start swinging.

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Psy, this is UN Style



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South Korea connection

UN boss horses around with Psy

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon got some dance lessons from compatriot South Korean pop sensation Psy.

On a visit to the United Nations in New York Wednesday, the rapper, born Park Jae-sang, attempted to teach the world's top diplomat the invisible horse trot dance from his global viral hit Gangnam Style.

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UN chief's viewpoint



"I'm a bit jealous. Until two days ago someone told me I am the most famous Korean in the world. Now I have to relinquish. I have no regrets."

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on his countryman Psy

Singer's viewpoint



"To be here and he knows me, even the fact that he knows me is so touching right now and he's saying he saw my video, he counted my video views."

South Korean rapper Psy on meeting the head of the UN

Gangnam engages

Why Ban wanted to meet Psy

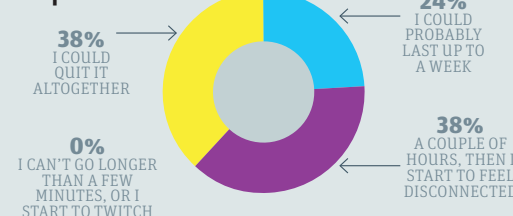
Ban's spokesperson Martin Nesirky told reporters that while the secretary general deals with issues such as Syria, he also considers it important to engage different parts of society.

"He firmly believes music has great power, particularly in helping to overcome intolerance," he said. "It helps to reach out to audiences in a way that many other forms of culture cannot do." METRO



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And in other not-so-breaking news, Festival du Voyageur will now be called Fiesta ng Filipino and moved to July! #Winnipeg #Census2011 j/k

awesome! Hope this day is as great as I feel. #happybirthday #birthday-boy

@WinnipegZane:

Nobody in Winnipeg enjoys watching basketball? Come on! There is no NHL to watch, only thing else on is Soccer

@TonySnow_: Growing up the wizard of oz taught me if I land on someone and they die I get their shoes

@Pianoman11:

Hard to believe I'm 27 today. I feel so

@amalyxo: How is being seen in a bikini okay but once you're seen in an underwear & bra you're ashamed or embarrassed and want to cover up. O_o

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FUBAR star keeps on rockin' in Nightseeker

No funk'n blow.

Shotgun a couple of beers and hit the Pyramid Cabaret tonight with Deaner, Poof and the Knob Goblin



BACKSTAGE PASS

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Dean Murdoch, one-half of the deadly drunk duo in the FUBAR mockumentaries, brings his Warlock bass to Winnipeg. His band, Nightseeker, plays the Pyramid Cabaret tonight.

"We're doing a little Deanatoba 2012 tour, just a little two dater in Winnipeg and Brandon there," Murdoch says, whose real name is Paul Spence, but answers the phone in full Deaner mode.

"It's rock n' roll meets metal. If you want to talk influences, AC/DC, Van Halen and a little Black Sabbath. There are a couple of songs that are a quicker tempo, but we're not a speed metal band or anything. It's mostly straight up rock with a capital R."

Deaner is pretty tight-lipped about who his bandmates are, but says his crew consists of two guitarists — one named The Knob Goblin — and a vanishing drummer called Poof. Speaking of disappearing, Nightseeker gets its name from a magic being. "It's a finder of lost items," Deaner says.

"If you lose your wallet or something like that you tap your staff three times and then you curse Christ



FUBAR's Dean Murdoch brings his band Nightseeker to the Pyramid Cabaret tonight. SUPPLIED

and the Nightseeker appears. Then you ask him to find your wallet. The thing is he'll find it for sure, he always finds s—t, but you don't know what he's going to ask for in return. Sometimes it's just a pack of matches but sometimes it's

your soul or your wife."

Just don't take Deaner's Old Style Pilsner. If you've seen FUBAR, you know he and his buddy Terry swear by the Saskatchewan Champagne, consuming their Pilly Pops in the fastest style possible, the shotgun.

"I've discovered the most fun part about partying is being the last guy standing," Deaner says.

"That doesn't mean you have to drink water all night, just instead of drinking hard liquor shots when you want to turn the party

Nightseeker, revealed

"It's a finder of lost items ... If you lose your wallet or something like that you tap your staff three times and then you curse Christ and the Nightseeker appears. Then you ask him to find your wallet. The thing is, he'll find it for sure, he always finds s—t, but you don't know what he's going to ask for in return. Sometimes it's just a pack of matches but sometimes it's your soul or your wife."

Dean Murdoch, explaining the magic being that his band is named after.

up, shotgun a beer. I'm still partying harder than most, but I'm not necessarily veering towards the ditch."

Deaner says he'll no doubt shotgun a few brewskis in Winnipeg, maybe even forgoing his beloved Pilsner for a Manitoba Standard Lager. Either way, he says he's excited for the Thursday night thrash in the 'Peg.

"That's the true test of a partier, how hard they give'r on a weekday," Deaner says.

Tickets to tonight's Nightseeker show are \$20 at Into the Music, Kustom Culture and Ticketmaster (plus service charges). Local hard rockers Prophet provides support. Showtime is 8:30 p.m.

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Moviegoers are in for some ear candy with the premiere of The Hobbit

New sound technology. Dolby's fresh system will make Peter Jackson's next film a sight to be heard

Middle-earth will sound more realistic in *The Hobbit*.

Dolby Laboratories Inc. and director Peter Jackson's Park Road Post Production announced Wednesday that *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey* will be mixed and released in Dolby Atmos, the company's immersive new sound system that features two extra arrays of overhead speakers and the ability to direct sounds to individual speakers inside movie theatres.

"(Jackson) felt it was going to make a big difference in how he tells stories," said Stuart Bowling, Dolby's senior technical marketing manager. "He doesn't want people to just go and observe his movies. He wants you to feel like you're



The Hobbit is scheduled to hit theatres on Dec. 14 HANDOUT

part of the experience of the stories that's he's trying to tell on the screen and allow you to be part of Middle-earth."

The director of the Oscar-winning *The Lord of the*

Rings films adapted J.R.R. Tolkien's tale of Bilbo Baggins, set in the fictional realm of Middle-earth 60 years before *The Lord of the Rings*. Besides the standard 2D format,

Warner Bros. Pictures and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures are releasing the series in high-frame-rate 3D, IMAX and other 3D formats.

Bowling said Dolby's goal

is to have the Atmos platform installed in 80 to 100 theatres in time for *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*, which is scheduled to premiere on Dec. 14.

The second and third films, *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug* and *The Hobbit: There and Back Again*, are set for release Dec. 13, 2013, and July 18, 2014.

Other movies slated to be released in the Atmos format include Fox's *Chasing Mavericks* and Life of Pi. Disney-Pixar's *Brave* was the first film to debut with the audio format earlier this year.

Bowling said the company expects more than 15 films to be released in Atmos next year and hoped to have the system in 1,000 theatres by the end of next year.

"Dolby Atmos is fantastic from a sound quality position," said John Neill, head of sound at Park Road Post Production. "We can now hear full range surround speakers, meaning that when we pan from the front to surround, the sound does not change in quality. The overhead speakers give us the opportunity to place the theatre patron really in the location."

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Gerard Butler had only the most basic appreciation for surfing before he set to work on *Chasing Mavericks* — and that's putting it mildly.

"I had surfed about three or four times in my life," Butler admits.

The Scottish actor knew he'd have to amp up his game if he wanted to properly capture the essence of surfing great Frosty Hesson, who taught teenager Jay Moriarity (played by newcomer Jonny Weston in the film) to ride mavericks, which are considered the most dangerous waves in the country.

Not one to shy away from a



Chasing Mavericks opens Friday. HANDOUT

challenge, Butler dove right in — and paid for it with an epic wipeout.

"Jonny Weston and I both surfed mavericks. It was where I was taken down," Butler says with a coy smile.

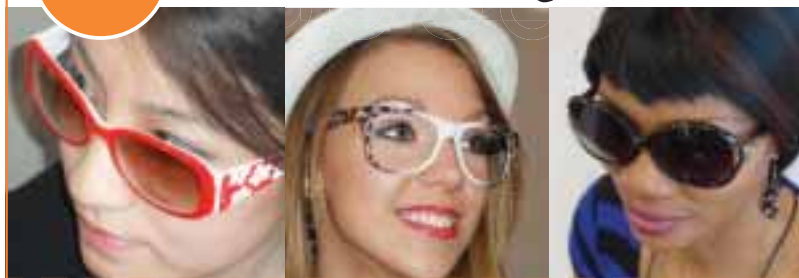
With the experience of getting pulled under a wall of water, his admiration for what these athletes do only intensified. "It taught me a lesson. It's not a pleasant experience," he offers.

Even though that moment sent him to the hospital, Butler marvelled at the sport's ability to foster a Zen-like feeling in the surfers as they ride these incredibly dangerous monsters of water.

"It's incredibly meditative and spiritual," Butler explains. "I found the whole experience really transformative. When you get up on that wave and become one with it, you just become one with nature."

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Lindsay Lohan struggling with political choices

Amid all the confusion currently engulfing Lindsay Lohan's personal life, at least the world knew where the troubled actress stood politically — until now. Lohan had previously endorsed Mitt Romney in the U.S. presidential election because "employment is really important right now," according to E! News.

But while live-tweeting the last presidential debate earlier this week, Lohan voiced her support for President Barack Obama by re-tweeting a post from the president's campaign saying she was "proud of Obama."

The tweet was soon

Quote

"I'm so relieved that it's over. Maybe more than both of (the candidates.) Severe anxiety"

Lindsay Lohan
Tweeting about the election debate

deleted, though, so maybe she is on Team Romney after all.

It sounds like the debates were rough on the actress, in any event.

"I'm so relieved that it's over. Maybe more than both of (the candidates.) Severe anxiety."

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The Word



Joe Simpson coming out of Jessica's stylish closet?



THE WORD
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Looks like Ashlee and Jessica Simpson are going to have a lot to talk about around the Thanksgiving dinner table.

First up? Their mother, Tina Simpson, filed for divorce from their father, Joe Simpson, after 34 years of marriage last month.

"It is an amicable split and there is no third party involved," a rep for the family says. "Any other related allegations are completely false. The family appreciates your respect for

their privacy at this time." The allegations they refer to? Well, the National Enquirer is reporting that their father, Joe Simpson, has come out of the closet.

According to the tabloid, Simpson has a 20-year-old boyfriend, who was reportedly in the car with the former youth pastor and Baptist minister when he was busted for a DUI on Aug. 4.

I'll give you a second to let that sink in. Got it together? Good. The National Enquirer even has a source from the family.

"The police report stated that there was someone else in the car with Joe. Some reports have stated it was Tina, but now the belief is that it may well have been a boyfriend."

Of course, there is a good chance this might not be true. After all, if Jessica Simpson's father were gay, don't you think her shoe line would be a little more fierce?



Emma Watson

Emma Watson returning to school

Emma Watson is going back to school. After enrolling in Brown University in the fall of 2009, the British actress took a leave of absence from the Ivy League school in March 2011.

"I love Brown and I love studying pretty much more than anything, but recently I've had so much to juggle that being a student and fulfilling my other commit-

ments has become a little impossible," Watson wrote on her blog at the time.

She then spent her junior year abroad, studying at Oxford University, before delaying her return to Brown once again to film a number of projects this summer and fall. But her rep assures Gossip Cop that she will be back on campus for 2013.

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Mitt and Barack are not proper names. I'd like an elderly female candidate in a crown.



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So Dajana, what's your schedule been like today?

Woke up at 10 a.m., rehearsal at 1 p.m. for the Pink Tartan show, an appointment at 3:30 p.m. to get my hair and eyebrows done, hair and makeup call at 6 p.m. and show's at 8 p.m.

So a bit of a crazy day for you?

No, actually (laughs). Compared to the other cities, Toronto is very calm and relaxing. In Paris, casting would start anywhere from 7 a.m. onward. I had to learn the metro system, I would be running around all day, all night. There's no such thing as walking! And you're always late. Running from castings to fittings to go-sees until all hours of the night.

So up until this past September, you had modelled

only locally so that you could finish high school. What are your thoughts now that you've graduated and gone international?

Now that I've got the ball rolling, I'm not going to stop. Going back to school is a future plan. I want to be a film director, but maybe in a couple of years. I want to see where modelling is going to take me. My next trip is to New York for campaign

season.

How does your family feel about all this travelling?

They've been so supportive. If it wasn't for my family I don't know where I'd be ... and Elmer of course.

Elmer Olsen is the agent who discovered you. Can you tell me a little bit about how that happened?

I was shopping in the Eaton Centre with my friend. I heard footsteps behind me, really hard footsteps. I see out of the corner of my eye a tall, white-haired man. I see him running after me. I start to walk faster. He taps me on my shoulder and says, 'Excuse me, are you a model?' I replied no. The reason being — I always wanted to be a model since I was two-feet high. I went to an open call in Grade 10 and I got rejected. After that meeting,

Blast from the past...

"The best thing that's happened so far is N.Y. Fashion Week. I'd like to do Paris and Milan..."

Dajana quoted in a Metro feature, published March 29, 2010

DAJANA

In the two and a half years since we last spoke to model Dajana, the 20-year-old has achieved more than many in her profession will hope to in their entire career. Back from Europe to her hometown of Toronto to take on World Mastercard Fashion Week, the five-foot-11 beauty chats with Metro's Elizabeth Beddall about mayhem, McQueen and one major piece of swag

WALKING THE WORLD

I hated everything fashion. So when Elmer scouted me, I didn't want to hear it.

So what changed your mind?

He convinced the friend I was with to help him find me again. She told him where I went to school and he asked one of his former models (who happened to go to my high

school) to reach out to me. She did. It means a lot for an agent to go that distance. He claims it was 17 days, four hours later that I called him. He wasn't counting the days, he says.

So on your very first go in Europe, you opened for Roland Mouret, landed an exclusive booking with Jil Sander SS13 and walked for Alexander McQueen. What made you stand out from the crowds of girls that are seen?

I don't know, but I know what the casting directors say: My sense of humour. Fifty per cent of a job is personality. If you get along with your photographer, your stylist, that job can be really fun and it can go by really quickly.

Tell us about waiting backstage to hit the runway at the McQueen show?

I think I was the only model freaking out. They have experienced girls in the shows. Very few of us were brand new.

And when it was over?

At the end of the show, I thought, 'Am I dreaming?'. That was my goal.

My first season? It was so surreal.



An incredible Alexander McQueen outfit worn by Dajana. PROVIDED



Dajana walks for Jil Sander in Milan. PROVIDED



Dajana opens the Roland Mouret show in Paris. PROVIDED

And I heard you got a little surprise along the way?

When I was having a fitting and the people at Alexander McQueen said they had a gift for me. (Points to her black smooth calf leather Heroine bag.) I was searching for a bag, too.

So now that you're constantly on the runway, do you have a little something you say to yourself each time you walk out?

Don't fall! (Laughs.) Don't fall. It would be so embarrassing, but you know what? It happens all the time. You just have to get up and keep on walking.



Dajana smooches a McQueen bag that the design house gifted her for doing their show. PROVIDED



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HALLOWEEN FUN

Thursday, October 25, 2012

Big Bird meets Gangnam

Costumes. Some of the hottest outfits this Halloween season are inspired from pop culture

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that every year there is more and more variety available. What you choose simply depends on budget, taste and time.

Here are some of this year's hottest costumes for people of all ages:

Depending on a child's age, costumes are more about fun than fright, with many toddlers wobbling around in cutesy, rather than scary, attire that's sure to elicit some ghoulish giggles.

For preschoolers, the most popular costumes year after year include animals (puppy dogs, turtles, cats, horses, bunnies and cows reign supreme) as well as firefighters, bees and, interestingly, hotdogs.

While traditionally spooky costumes like ghosts, ghouls, goblins and witches are classic go-to's every year, increasingly, popu-

lar culture influences the costume decisions of teens and adults for Halloween parties.

At Candy's Costume Shop on Mount Pleasant Road in Toronto, Dorothy costumes have already sold out, a trend staff attribute to the reality TV singing competition *Over The Rainbow*.

Other popular teen and adult costumes that experts predict will be out and about in abundance include Lady Gaga (her eccentric wardrobe provides

endless outrageous costume options), South Korean pop star Psy, whose pop song *Gangnam Style*, complete with invisible horse dance moves, went viral on the Internet, and Big Bird (thanks to U.S. presidential candidate Mitt Romney's name-dropping of the beloved *Sesame Street* character during the first presiden-

Transylvanian vampire costume, far left, and Dorothy costume, \$32.93 each at Walmart.



tial debate). According to ABC News, Big Bird costumes are flying off the shelves at U.S. costume shops.

Year after year, the most popular costumes for boys are of the superhero variety, and this year, the impact of the *Twilight* franchise on tweens and teens alike cannot be overstated. So you can expect to see boys and girls alike dressed as vampires and werewolves this year. Superhero costumes, including Batman and Captain America, both influenced

by the mega-popular films, will also be plentiful.

While in days past, many young girls donned princess costumes to do their trick-or-treating in, this year, staff at Candy's have seen more young girls opting for vampire and ghoulish costumes. And thanks to the recent *Little Red Riding Hood* and *Snow White*-based movies, there is expected to be a resurgence of both fairy tale characters this year as well.

Given all the costume options, Halloween 2012 is sure to be spooktacular.



Popular costumes for adults this year include Big Bird, and South Korean pop star Psy, below. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

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Take a walk among the dead

Fear faces. DIY tips for giving yourself a ghoulish makeover

ASTRID VAN DEN BROEK
For Metro

Does The Walking Dead have you inspired this Halloween to go zombie? If so, Allison Lumley, owner of Main Artery Designs in Red Deer, Alta., gives us her best tips on turning zombie for the big night.

WHAT TO USE?

Lumley says you can start with regular makeup for a DIY look, such as foundation or eye shadow, keeping in mind that the best bruise colours are greys and black. "Then you can add white glue and toilet paper for a wrinkle or decay effect," she said.

Looking for a more professional look? Visit your local Halloween or theatrical store to pick up basic face paints, theatre blood, and liquid latex/spirit gum for adhering things to your face.

USE A GUIDE

"Have an image of a skull and use the shadows and highlights from the skull's bone structure to guide your make up," Lumley said. For example, think dark shades around eyes, temples, collar bone, throat and highlighting the cheek bones to give features more depth.

Here is Lumley's step-by-step process for turning into a zombie:

- 1** Moisturize to prepare your face since you are about to add a lot of makeup to it.
- 2** Apply a base colour such as a pale blue or grey.
- 3** Add latex wounds or glue/tissue. "For instant wrinkles, pull back the skin on your forehead so it's tight and put on a layer of glue. Blow dry, then let go," Lum-



Zombies stroll the streets during recent zombie walks in Toronto, above, and Belgrade, below. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



ley said. Or squint as tight as you can and lightly dab shade in the form of blacks and greys with a makeup sponge on the squint lines.

4 Add some red around the bottom of the eyes.

5 Mix corn syrup and red food colouring to make

coagulated blood to add to wounds, or even swish around your mouth and let it drool out for extra blood effects.

6 Remember to include the neck, ears and hands — think all exposed skin — to keep the effects real.



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Helping a living room grow up

I live alone in an apartment that I rent. My living room is a good size (12-by-16) and I get nice sun light. I want to redecorate, and I am sick of seeing my oversized brown couch. I don't want my small apartment to look small and want it to feel more grown up.

-Sandra, Montreal



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Find a few things in the room that you love and build the room around them.

The rug, for instance, is a classic, and although pink, Persian-style rugs are not the biggest rage at this time, your quality rug can stay in the room as long as you build around the colours and classic style. I have chosen a palette of greys and pinks to play off the carpet and give the room a sophisticated, feminine look.

The first thing to do is to

get your furniture ordered, which will often take a few weeks. This will give you time to clear out the living room and paint the walls. Wait until the furniture is in place before deciding on lighting, artwork and small accessories. This will give you a better idea as to what is needed.

Designer touches

- Hang a large mirror over your new sofa to bounce light into the room.
- Add dark grey drapery panels on each side of the window to soften the room.
- Choose a medium-wood tone for picture framing in the room to tie in the floors and furnishings.
- Add decorative cushions — patterned ones on the plain sofa and plain ones on the patterned chairs.



Before

Sandra's living room needed to grow up in terms of style and decor.



Paint

The simplest way to change the look of the room is to add colour to the walls. I suggest a deep pink brick colour. This will help tie in the Persian-style rug that is currently in the room. Lip Gloss, Benjamin Moore.



New sofa, \$2,100

I suggest a foggy blue/grey coloured sofa to help cool down the room and give it a sophisticated feel. Tailor Sofa, Crate & Barrel.



TV stand, \$600

A sleek media centre will be a better option than the crate that currently holds the television. Demio Media Shelf, Structube.



Side chairs, \$600

Purchase two upholstered side chairs and place them in front of the window, separated with a small side table. RUSS Chair, Urban Barn.



Storage, \$650

Ground the entrance wall with a stylish wardrobe to keep coats, shoes and sports equipment hidden away. PAX Wardrobe, Ikea.

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-Karl, Mississauga, Ont



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ed by the sun — not just from direct sunlight — so even on cloudy days the sun can generate enough energy for up to 60 per cent of domestic hot-water needs.

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Once you've done a little research to determine if your municipality or local utility company has rules or rebates that pertain to solar heating, the next step towards installing a system is to contact a solar company and request a free assessment. Professionals can assess your home's suitability and the potential costs,



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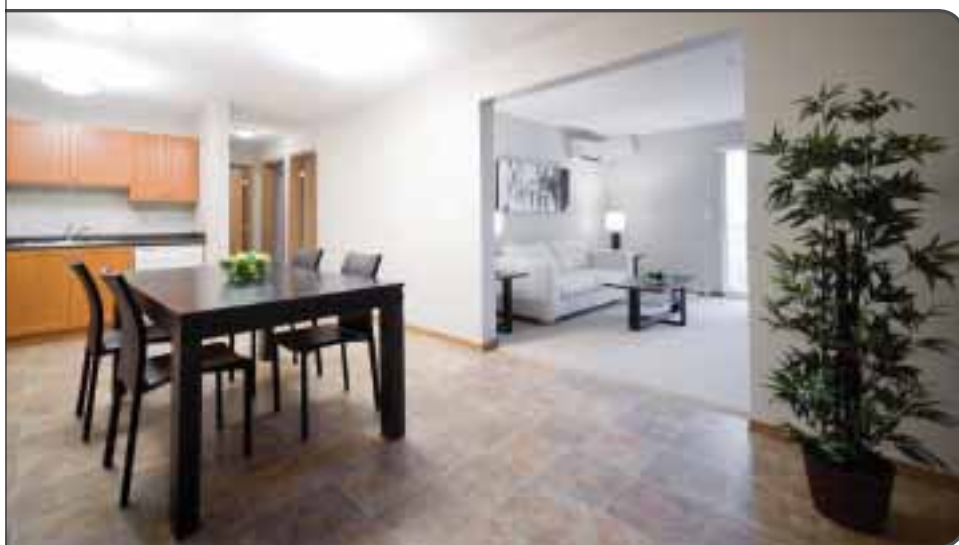
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Pros share their pumpkin-carving secrets

Halloween. You can't stop your pumpkin from deteriorating, but there are some 'delay tactics'

Think you know the latest tricks for carving a creepy pumpkin? The pros continue to push the barriers.

A handful of people become professional pumpkin carvers each fall, specializing in fantastical designs. Among them are Alex Wer, self-proclaimed pumpkin geek, who lives near Sacramento, Calif., Scott Cummins, a Perryton, Texas middle-school art teacher and Marc Evan and Chris Soria, the Maniac Pumpkin Carvers of New York City.

Wer does his carving between insurance sales and an evening package-delivery route.

He works with the fake, foam pumpkins sold at craft stores, so his intricate work has longevity. Evan and Soria drop their jobs as illustrators for a few months to carve pumpkins for festivals, parties and individual clients. The long hours leave the two childhood friends battling sore wrists and aching backs by late November.

"It's a labour of love," says Evan, who also carves pumpkins on the Food Network's Halloween Wars this season.

Here are some of their tips of the trade:

1. Choose your pumpkin wisely

"You want to have a stem, and you want it to be a healthy stem, because that stem is still providing nutrients for the pumpkin," says Soria.

Don't cut into your pumpkin around that perfect stem. Instead, access the pumpkin from its backside to help preserve freshness. Cutting out a stem cap weakens the Jack-o'-lantern, says Evan. And hiding the opening in the back gives the pumpkin more visual punch.

"It's esthetically more pleasing seeing the glow from (only) the design, not creeping out from where we might have cut the hole at the top," says Evan.

2. Preparing your pumpkin

Before carving a face, scrape and clean the inside of the pumpkin. The cleaner you get it, the longer it will last.

"I always tell people, 'Gut it out twice as much as you think you need to,'" says Wer. "It should be very dry inside."



The Maniac Pumpkin Carvers' interpretation of *Starry Night*, by Vincent van Gogh, left, which was commissioned by the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, where it was displayed in the lobby last Halloween. Right, a bird house scene carved on a pumpkin. MANIAC PUMPKIN CARVERS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3. The carve

Folks, there are two kinds of pumpkin carvings — the lighted Jack-o'-lantern face and the three-dimensional sculpture, in which a pumpkin is treated like a block of wood — only stinky and less permanent. The Maniac team carves both styles. Cummins carves in creepy 3D. The tools are the same, but they're used in different ways.

Take either carve up a notch by adding depth and texture. Wer carves up to five layers in his faux pumpkins to get a mix of light and shadow for a photorealistic

quality.

Learn this skill, called shading, by scraping part of your design into the gourd.

"It just creates this new layer and this multi-level depth," says Wer.

Need more help? Check out pumpkin-carving tutorials, such as those posted by The Pumpkin Lady on YouTube.

4. More about tools

The Maniac team favours tools from the kitchen or garage, primarily paring knives, graters and saws. They tout linoleum cutters and sculpt-

ing tools.

Linoleum cutters have several gouge tips. Evan likes the V-gouge for making precise cuts, whether shallow or deep. Ceramists' sculpting tools are metal loops on a stick — in various shapes and sizes — that can be purchased at art supply and craft stores. They slice smoothly through pumpkin rind.

Those cheap pumpkin-carving kits? All four of our expert carvers love them.

The Maniac team uses the orange plastic scoop to clean out hundreds of pumpkins — fast. Cummins uses the scoop too, and praises the kit's flimsy, serrated blade.

"Don't underestimate that little saw," Cummins says. "Sometimes there is a need to cut slowly and deliberately, and that is when the little saw is indispensable."

5. Preservation

Once a pumpkin is carved, it begins to deteriorate.

"You will certainly notice a difference in 24 hours," says Cummins in his online tutorial.

Says Evan: "You can't preserve a pumpkin. We recommend 'delay' tactics."

Those include:

- When a Jack-o'-lantern is

Quoted



"Pumpkin carving is definitely not the easiest way to make money. It's not a 'get rich quick' scheme."

Marc Evan, professional pumpkin carver

not on display, Wer says, give it a bath. He has had as many as eight pumpkins bobbing overnight in his bathtub.

- Preserve cut edges with a lemon juice-water mixture, says the Maniac team. Then seal them with vegetable oil or petroleum jelly. Store your carving in the refrigerator or wrap it in plastic wrap and store in a cool place.

- And quick, take a photo. It's the "best and most essential way to preserve your creation," says Cummins.

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Watch out for harsh chemicals on chrome



I have some furniture that has chrome handles. Is there

any particular way I should be cleaning this?

Any metal with chrome plating is generally a very thin layer. Harsh or abrasive chemicals will damage this over time.

The good news is that a multi-purpose cleaner (50 per cent water and 50 per cent white vinegar) is all that is necessary.

If you prefer, a simple window cleaner such as Windex will also do the trick perfectly.

Guilt-free brownies — no, seriously

Boasting sugar alternatives, these cocoa-nut Brownies from The Joy of Gluten-Free, Sugar-Free Baking by Peter Reinhart and Denene Wallace make a great treat.

1. Heat the oven to 350 F. Line an 8-inch square baking pan with parchment paper, then mist it with cooking spray.

2. In a medium bowl, combine the pecan flour, almond flour, Splenda or other sweetener, cocoa

powder and baking powder. Whisk until well mixed.

3. In large bowl, whisk the eggs, soy milk, butter, vanilla and liquid Stevia until thoroughly blended. Add the flour mixture and whisk or stir with a large spoon until all of the ingredients are evenly incorporated to make a smooth, sticky batter. Pour the mixture into the prepared pan, spreading it in an even layer.

4. Bake for 15 minutes, then rotate and bake for another 10 minutes, or until the brownies are just slightly springy but still jiggle when pressed gently at the centre. If you like fudgy brownies, remove them from the oven at this point. If you prefer them to be more cake-like, continue baking for a few more minutes, or until a toothpick inserted at the middle of the brownies comes out clean.

5. Let the brownies cool in the pan for at least 15 minutes. You can either cut the brownies in the pan, or transfer the whole piece to a cutting board before cutting. Cut them in a 3-by-4

Cocoa-Nut Brownies



This recipe makes 12 servings. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

grid to yield 12 brownies.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ RECIPE

FROM PETER REINHART AND DENENE WALLACE'S THE JOY OF GLUTEN-FREE,

SUGAR-FREE BAKING, TEN SPEED PRESS, 2012

Cookbook of the week

All the yum, none of the regret



After more than two decades of research into gluten-free baking, legendary bread maker Peter Reinhart and his baking partner Denene Wallace have released a collection of 80 recipes for breads, pastries, cookies, cakes and more.

The Joy of Gluten-Free, Sugar-Free Baking also allows readers to make the recipes vegan friendly by following dairy and egg substitution guidelines.

Recipes include: banana bread, garlic breadsticks, blueberry-hazelnut muffins, carrot cake with cream cheese frosting and more.

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Cookie's gluten-free makeover

This gluten-free version of the ultimate classic chocolate chip cookie is made from almond flour and speckled with sliced almonds. Easy to make and even easier to eat, enjoy it for

dessert or use as a post-workout snack to boost your energy.

1. Heat oven to 180 C (350 F). Line baking sheets with parchment paper.

2. In bowl, combine almond flour, salt and baking soda.

3. In bowl, combine grapeseed oil, agave and vanilla. Add to almond flour mix and mix until thoroughly combined. Fold in chocolate chips and almonds.

4. Spoon dough one heaping tablespoon at a time onto baking sheet and press down to flatten. Bake for 7 to 10 minutes, until lightly golden. Let cookies cool on baking sheets for 20 minutes. THE CANADIAN PRESS/CALIFORNIA ALMONDS, ALMOND-BOARD.COM

Nutrition information

Here is the nutritional info per cookie.

- Calories: 132
- Fat: 12 g (1.5 g saturated fat)
- Protein: 3 g
- Carbohydrate: 6 g
- Fibre: 2 g



This recipe makes 24 cookies. THE CANADIAN PRESS HANDOUT

Surgery Gone Wrong A CBC I-Team investigation

You expect the hospital to have your back if a mistake is made on the operating table. But one woman feels her life will never be the same and wants the hospital to take responsibility.

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CBC NEWS

Lockout. Darkness falls on NHL labour talks

The NHL's labour talks have entered a dark period. When that will lift is anyone's guess.

Rather than working towards progress on a new collective bargaining agreement in the coming days, the league is expected to start making grim announcements that will be all too familiar to fans who lived through the 2004-05 lockout.

It's a virtual certainty that a full 1,230-game schedule won't be played, with commissioner Gary Bettman acknowledging Wednesday that "it looks like an 82-game



Gary Bettman THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

season (for each team) is not going to be a reality."

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Doping fallout

Armstrong N.Y. marathon results could be purged

Lance Armstrong's results erased from the record books will likely include his 868th-place finish at the 2006 New York City Marathon.

Marathon organizer New York Road Runners said in a statement on Wednesday it expected to wipe out his times once any potential appeals play out, since the race follows USADA rulings.

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NHL. Blue Jackets bring in veteran exec Davidson

Unlike many people in hockey, John Davidson wasn't afraid of the losing tradition of the Columbus Blue Jackets.

"I like the idea of the challenge. I mean, it's possible. In fact, it's something we're going to do," Davidson said Wednesday after being hired as the Blue Jackets' new president of hockey operations.

The former player, Hall of Fame broadcaster and St. Louis Blues president believes he can transform a franchise with just one, brief trip to the post-season into a Stanley Cup contender.

Quoted

"We'll win our share. As we move along here, we'll win more than our share."

John Davidson

Davidson will take over a new position. The former president, Mike Priest, will now concentrate only on the business side of a team that had the worst record in the NHL last season (29-46-7, 65 points).

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T-Wolves take Pistons down a notch in visit to the 'Peg

NBA. Minnesota gets comfortable pre-season win at MTS Centre

Chase Budinger had 21 points off the bench Wednesday as the Minnesota Timberwolves defeated the Detroit Pistons 95-76 in NBA pre-season action in Winnipeg.

Derrick Williams added 18 points for Minnesota (4-2), while Nikola Pekovic had 14 of his own. Jose Barea chipped in with seven assists.

Rodney Stuckey had 21 points for Detroit (3-4), which got 11 points from both Greg Monroe and Kyle Singler.

The Timberwolves jumped to a 27-10 lead in the first quarter thanks to strong shooting from Pekovic and Williams. Williams had 13 of those points and Pekovic 10.

Minnesota was also stronger around its own net as the Pistons struggled to get past Pekovic's six-foot-11, 281-pound frame.

Things didn't get any better

Canadian tour

It was the second of two exhibition NBA games played in Canada outside of Toronto this month, with the first coming in Montreal.

- Even with the NHL lockout keeping the Winnipeg Jets on the sidelines, the MTS Centre still sported a few vacant seats.

for Detroit in the second quarter and the Timberwolves went into halftime up 52-29.

The Pistons came alive after the break, scoring eight unanswered points and closing the gap to five. Stuckey scored 13 points in the third quarter alone.

But the Timberwolves came back to stretch their lead to 68-53 to close out third quarter.

Minnesota pulled away even further in the fourth quarter on the way to a comfortable pre-season win.

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Minnesota Timberwolves guard Jose Barea breaks through Detroit Pistons Kim English, left, and Chase Budinger on Wednesday night at MTS Centre. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

New York Islanders to call Brooklyn home



Workers sweep in front of the Barclays Center in Brooklyn in September. The New York Islanders will move there from Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Uniondale, N.Y. KATHY WILLEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Now hockey is coming to Brooklyn.

The NHL's New York Islanders have agreed to move to the Barclays Center starting with the 2015-16 season.

"Hello Brooklyn!" Islanders owner Charles Wang said as he made the announcement at a news conference Wednesday. The lease deal is for 25 years.

Officials in nearby Nassau County, N.Y., have struggled for years to come up with a plan to either renovate or build a new arena to replace the Nassau Veterans Memorial

Staying close

The Barclays deal took seven months to complete and was finished Tuesday night, according to Wang, who said he had wanted to keep the team local.

Coliseum, which opened in 1972. Wang, the founder of a computer software company, presented a plan in 2003 for a privately funded multibillion-dollar development of housing, retail and a new arena on

the property, but the proposal met community opposition.

Wang had long threatened to move the team from its home in Uniondale after the club's lease expired following the 2014-15 season.

"Brooklyn is big time and now we have the big-league sports to prove it," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

Long Island fans seemed resigned to the move for a team that won the Stanley Cup every year from 1980 through 1983 but missed the playoffs last season.

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

You will go out of your way to prove you have what it takes, but don't go too far and do something that lands you in a lot of trouble. By all means, be adventurous but keep things in perspective too.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You may be tempted to take some kind of risk but the Sun linked to Saturn in your opposite sign warns that's not such a good idea. Try to think through the consequences of your actions before you take them.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

No matter how eager you may be to change your life for the better, you still need to invest a bit more time thinking things through. Your plans may never be watertight but they can be more realistic.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Your confidence is back and everyone is praising you to the skies. That is all very nice but you should be aware that some of those people don't really want to see you succeed. You know who they are.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

It might be tempting to get involved in a dispute of some kind but if you are smart, you will keep your distance. Nothing you do or say will change the situation one little bit, so leave well alone.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

If you allow other people to speak on your behalf, you will probably regret it. Either speak for yourself or keep your thoughts secret. In general, the less others know about your plans and ambitions, the better.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

The Sun close to Saturn in the money area of your chart warns you need to be realistic about your cash flow situation. Don't spend it if you haven't got it — and, if you have got it, save it for later.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You may think that nothing can harm you, that fortune favours you because you are bold. To an extent that is true, but don't get silly about it. Even Scorpios are human. Even Scorpios bleed. Be careful.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

To resolve a long running problem, you may need to team up with someone who knows more about a specific area than you do. You can make use of their knowledge and they can make use of your energy.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Everything has its place and purpose. It is simply not true that we live in a meaningless universe. You may be a down to earth sort by nature but today you will want to dig deeper into life's mysteries.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Try not to take anything for granted today. And try not to let your fantasies take over your mind. Wishful thinking can be fun but it can also be dangerous. Reach for the stars but don't lose touch with reality.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

There is no point trying to force yourself to do something you don't enjoy because you won't do a good job at it. Either you give it one hundred per cent or you don't do it at all. What will it be? **SALLY BROMPTON**

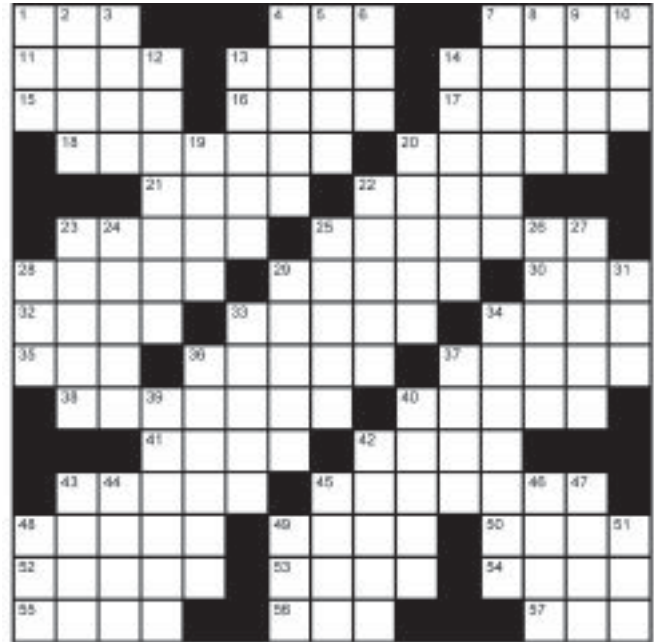
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Across

- Occupied a chair
- Astroturf rival
- Desire
- Biggest problems of some celebrities
- Identical
- Québec peninsula along the south shore of the Saint Lawrence River
- Winnie-the-___
- "Sad to say ..."
- "On the ___ hand ...": "Here's a different idea ..."
- BC's ___ National Park, in the Rockies near Revelstoke
- Headquartered
- A whole bunch
- Jaguar or Mustang
- ___-et-un: blackjack (from French for "21")
- Side with the football
- Assistants
- Irritate by rubbing
- A cheer
- Member of a landscaping team who digs up weeds
- Like nonvegetarian spaghetti sauces
- Apple eater's throw-away
- ___ mode: with ice cream (2 wds.)
- Bookstore shelving category
- "___ Lane": Beatles song
- "Wild Rose Country" province
- Infraction fees
- Cabin material
- Transmitted
- Black playing card
- Canada's most populous province
- Cognizant of one's surroundings
- ___-Ball: old arcade game
- Makes a mistake
- Challenges
- Bauxite and galena
- Insecticide ingredient
- Adds color to
- Place for a drink
- Asian sauce type

Down

- End-of-summer mo.
- All ___: excited
- Chisel or hammer
- After-Christmas store events
- Rubāiyāt* poet Khayyam, actor Sharif, or *House* actor Epps
- ___ Moines, Iowa
- Doctor who's Sherlock Holmes's sidekick
- "How ___ Doc?": "What's his prognosis?" (2 wds.)
- Exceeded the posted limit
- That girl
- Montréal-born *Star Trek* star William
- Blessed one
- Colonel Sanders, Mitch Miller, or the Devil's beard type
- Gear teeth
- Saskatchewan-born folk singer Sainte-Marie
- ___ worse than death:
- dire outcome (2 wds.)
- String quartet member
- Worthy aim
- Scarlett ___ of *Gone With the Wind*
- Witch
- Brings in, as a salary
- "Gotchal"
- Change for a nickel
- "Pay attention!"
- Become one company
- Moved to the middle
- Hollow, crystal-lined stones
- ___ colada: rum cocktail
- Plays at maximum volume
- Big celebrations
- Villainous expression
- Bend with the breeze
- Peel
- Southern US stew ingredient
- Angers
- Sandwich cookie
- Also say
- Bawl
- Pig pen



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Yesterday's Crossword



What's online

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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MIN: -1°



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